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SUBJ: TQ FALL-OUT IV NOMINATION: MAYOR JEON BYUNG-WOO

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1. POST NOMINATES MR JEON BYUNG-WOO, MAYOR OF CHONJU (JEONJU), CHOLLAPUK-DO (JEONLA-BUKDO) FOR FY76 TQ FALL-OUT IV GRANT FOR THIRTY-DAY OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION, FUNCTION 210. THIS NOMINATION IS FOR FULL GRANT.

2. MAYOR JEON'S EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE INDICATES A PROMISING FUTURE BOTH IN KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND KOREAN SOCIETY. SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHONJU MAYOR IN DECEMBER 1974, JEON HAS DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED BY PEOPLE OF CHONJU, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF CHOLLAPUK-DO AND SEVENTH LARGEST CITY IN KOREA. ALERT AND OPENMINDED, JEON HAS BEEN VERY RECEPTIVE TO NEW IDEAS INCLUDING RE-ESTABLISHING CHONJU-SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA SISTER CITY PROGRAM. A VISIT TO U.S. ON IV GRANT WILL NOT ONLY ENHANCE HIS PRESTIGE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BROADEN HIS VIEWS AS MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR BUT WILL ALSO REINFORCE HIS FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS U.S. AND PROVIDE FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

3. SINCE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER OF SPARTANBURG HAVE EXPRESSED WISHES IN HAVING MAYOR JEON VISIT THEIR CITY EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER 1976 ANNUAL CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL CITY  
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MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IN TORONTO, SEPTEMBER 26-30, POST

BELIEVES IT BEST TO BEGIN GRANT IN EARLY OCTOBER IF DEPT APPROVES  
NOMINATION.

4. BORN IN CHONJU DECEMBER 21, 1931, JEON GRADUATED COLLEGE  
OF LAW, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) WITH LL. B.  
IN 1956, STUDIED ONE YEAR AT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
STUDIS AT SNU. SERVED AS MANAGEMENT SECTION CHIEF, LOCAL  
ADMINISTRATION BUREAU MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, 1973-74; DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF HOME AFFAIRS, CHOLLAPUK-DO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT,  
1971-73; SERVED AS CHIEF OF FOUR DIFFERENT GUN (COUNTIES) IN  
CHOLLAPUK-DO AND OTHER PROVINCIAL POSTS, 1965-71. NO SIGNIFICANT  
PUBLICATION KNOWN. TRAVELED TO JAPAN AND TAIWAN IN  
NOVEMBER 1973 AS MEMBER OF SAEMAEUL (NEW VILLAGE MOVEMENT)  
LEADERS' OBSERVATION TEAM. UNDERSTANDS AND SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH  
BUT INTERPRETER REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE PROGRAMMING. ADDRESS:  
476-21, 1-KA, CHUNGNOSONG-DONG, CHONJU, CHOLLAPUK-DO.

5. VISA ELIGIBILITY CHECK UNDERWAY.

6. APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP.  
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